

CONFIRMATION SESSION: MORE

CONTENT OVERVIEW

You may remember the popular game, “Guess Who?” In this two-person game, both players start with 24 upright tiles, each displaying the name and picture of a cartoon person. Players begin the game by choosing a card from a deck, which also contains the names and pictures of the characters on the tiles. The object of the game is to guess the character on the card that was selected by the other person. The players take turns asking “yes” and “no” questions based on the characteristics of the people on their cards, hoping to eliminate characters and turning down the tiles of characters who do not fit the description. Questions are typically based on appearance (e.g., does your person wear glasses, does your person have long hair, does your person have a big nose). This continues until one player successfully guesses the correct person who was chosen.

Thinking along these same lines, how would you describe Jesus? If someone you knew had never heard of Jesus, how would you describe Him to them? Would you call Him a prophet, friend, Savior, or healer? Would He be classified as a good person or a crazy person? There are many interpretations — and misinterpretations — of who Jesus is and what He did. The one thing we do know about Jesus, which most anyone can agree upon, is that He died on a cross. But before Jesus died on the cross, He lived. It is important for us to understand this and to know what Jesus did, understand what He taught, and embrace how He lived.

Jesus was known by His teachings, even though they were challenging to His listeners and often caused controversy and discussion. Word began to spread about His teachings but also about His actions, miracles, and example of how to live. Jesus met people where they were at, treated them with love, and transformed their hearts. As His reputation grew, many people decided to follow Him.

It was during this time of public ministry that Jesus asked an interesting question to His disciples: Who do people say that I am? After some responded, He asked another question: Who do you say that I am? Jesus is God. Jesus is our Savior, who died on a cross for us so we may be redeemed. Who is Jesus to you? The answer to this question makes all the difference.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. Has anyone ever spread rumors about you? How did that make you feel? Have you ever spread rumors about others? Why?
2. Read Matthew 5:1-11. What does this teaching say about who Jesus is and what He represents?
3. Who is Jesus to you? How does your answer to this question shape the way you live your life?